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1. [redacted] field exercises of troops with tanks, armored reconnaissance cars, personnel carriers, AT guns, rocket launchers, and motorcycles began in the area of Gross Schoenebeck, northwest of Eberswalde (N 53/V 00), [redacted] local residents stated that the troops left in the early morning hours [redacted] allegedly moving toward Zerpenschleuse-Eberswalde. *

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2. [redacted] training area [redacted] between the Gross Schoenebeck-Gross Doelln highway and the Gross Schoenebeck-Klein Doelln highway. The descriptions below were made from south to north, beginning at kilometer stone 1.1:

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- a. An assembly area with excavations for 30 trucks or personnel carriers and nearby foxholes for the drivers; 25 excavations for tanks and numerous small foxholes; and several makeshift huts of twigs providing shelter for about 100 men. sign bearing the number 0005 pointed to the assembly area.

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- b. An outpost area with a trench about 150 meters long, and four [redacted] foxholes; and a forward slope position with embrasures (Schliesscharten) and four 4 to 5-man cover positions. At the road fork to Schluff a sign with the number 0001 pointed north.

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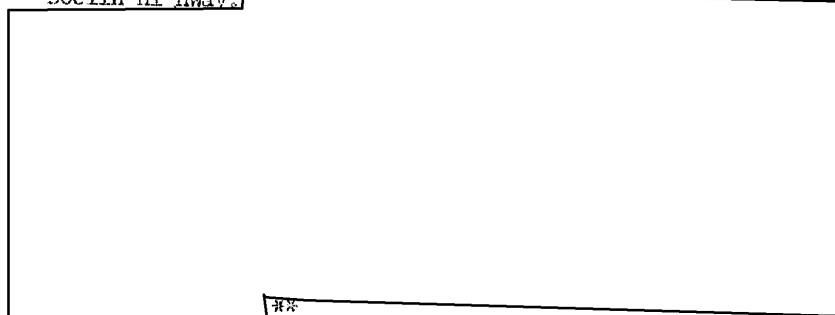
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- d. Excavations for 10 trucks and 10 makeshift huts each sheltering four or five men were observed between the two AT gun positions west of the Gross Schoenebeck-Klein Doelln highway.

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- e. There was a sign on the bridge south of Gross Doelln bearing the Russian inscription "Bridge Demolished". The meadows west of the bridge were marked by caution signs bearing the Russian inscription "Lines".

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3. [redacted] the troops which had conducted the field exercises at Gross Schoenebeck had come from Eberswalde and Frankfurt/Oder.

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- * [redacted] Comment. The training area at Gross Schoenebeck belongs to the Templin maneuver area. It is used by units from the nearby military post of Eberswalde.

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- ** [redacted] Comment.

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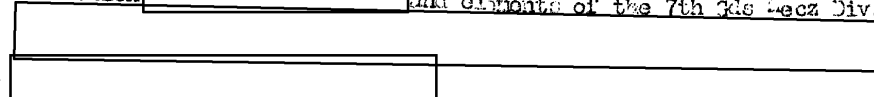
It is believed that the units which practiced in the Gross Schoenebeck area [redacted] included elements of divisions of the Fourth Gds Recz Army, and [redacted] possibly elements of the 10th Gds Tank Div, which had been unloaded in Leidenick [redacted] and elements of the 7th Gds Recz Div.

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